THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Don't take names, Mr. Das Gupta, please. I have mentioned in the House many times please don't take the names of...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: I did not take the name of anybody.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You took a name just now.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: The Prime Minister's Secretariat. I did not say ....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, before that.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: No, I did not name anybody.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You took the name of one, Mr. *

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: If it is injurious to Parliamentary democracy, you can kindly delete it. I have no objection. I am an obedient Member of Parliament.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You should not take names of those who cannot defend themselves here.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Yes, I agree.

The man happens to be closed to a person in the Prime Minister's Secretariat whose appointment to the Prime Minister's Secretariat had caused widespread flutter. In fact, it is this firm, which is going to be given the consultants job because the other firms which have been short-listed do not have adequate expertise. Therefore, short-list is only a show, arbitrarily drawn up and the firm has been pre-fixed and selection is being done without going through the process of selection by a technical evaluation committee.

The selection of a qualified and experienced consultant is important because it is the consultant who will finally choose the contractor to carry out the multi-million dollar job.

There are many more internationally renowned consultancy organisations which have not been short-listed. It is because no global tender has been floated. Moreover the work of consultancy could have been done by the National Thermal Power Corporation in coordination with Central Electricity Authority. It is once again a clear case of utter corruption and undue patronage to a foreign firm because of its connection with a person who is very important in the present correlation of forces that are operating at the citadel of power at Delhi. I, therefore, demand the short-list be cancelled. There is still time to remedy the wrong. Let the short-list be cancelled. Let the Minister himself look into the matter. I am constrained to say even the Minister does not know how this NHPC is operating. I demand, therefore, global tenders be called and I also call upon the Government to seriously explore whether there is possibility that this consultancy can be done by Indian public sector undertakings. Thank you.

श्री कैलाश पति मिश्र (बिहार) : उपसभापति महोदया, इस संबंध में सदन में प्रकाश डाला जाना चाहिए।

SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM (West Bengal): Madam, this is a serious matter and it should be taken seriously by the Government.

Dharna by all India DRDA employees at Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी (मध्य प्रदेश) : महोदया, इन दिनों जवाहर रोजगार योजना की बड़ी धूम है। इस नई योजना में अब तक ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में रोजगार उपलब्ध कराने की सभी योजनाओं जैसे--आर० ई० डी० पी० एन०आर०ई०पी० आर०एल०ई०जी०पी० का समावेश कर लिया गया है और इन विभिन्न योजनाओं पर होने वाले खर्च को भी अब जवाहर रोजगार योजना के नाम

*Not recorded.

पर व्यय किया जाएगा । प्रश्न यह है कि इन विभिन्न योजनाओं में जो कर्मचारी पिछले 19 सालों से काम कर रहे हैं, जिन्हें डिस्ट्रिक्ट रूरल डवलपमेंट एम्प्लाईज के नाम से जाना जाता है । ये कर्मचारी उन एजेंसीज में काम कर रहे हैं । उन कर्मचारियों का भविष्य संकट में पड़ गया है । उन्हें यह डर है कि वे जो अब तक लोगों को रोजगार उपलब्ध कराते रहे हैं, लेकिन जब रोजगार उपलब्ध कराने की नई योजना आयी है तो उन्हीं को बेरोजगार कर दिया जाएगा । ऐसे कर्मचारियों की संख्या 1 लाख 20 हजार है । यह 1970-71 में केन्द्र सरकार के एक निर्णय के अनुसार नियुक्त हुए थे । इनकी योग्यताएं भी केन्द्र सरकार ने निश्चित की थी । इन्हें 19 साल हो गए हैं काम करते हुए, लेकिन अभी तक इन्हें स्थायी नहीं बनाया गया है, न ही इनकी सेवा की शर्तें सुनिश्चित की गयी हैं । लेकिन अब तो इनका रोजगार खतरे में है । वे धरना दे रहे हैं । कृषि भवन के सामने बैठे हैं, रिले भूख हड़ताल भी कर रहे हैं ।

महोदया, मुझे खुशी है कि वे जिस विभाग से संबंधित हैं, उसके राज्य मंत्री श्री पूजारी जी महाराज इस समय सदन में विराजमान हैं । एम्प्लाईज यूनियन का एक प्रतिनिधि मंडल पूजारी जी को मिल चुका है, लेकिन उन्हें संतोष नहीं हुआ है ।

महोदया, इस सदन में स्पष्ट घोषणा होनी चाहिए कि इन 1 लाख 20 हजार कर्मचारियों को सड़क पर नहीं फेंका जाएगा । इतना ही काफी नहीं है, उन्हें स्थायी बनाया जाए और उनकी सेवा की शर्तें सुनिश्चित की जानी चाहिए अन्यथा कहीं ऐसा न हो कि हम जवाहर रोजगार योजना के नाम पर लोगों को बेरोजगार बनाना शुरू कर दें ।

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदया, हम सभी इसका समर्थन करते हैं । सारा हाऊस इसका समर्थन करेगा ।

डा० बापू कालदाते (महाराष्ट्र) : मंत्री महोदय, बैठे हुए हैं, उनकी क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, I would like to take a minute. I have given a notice. It is a very serious matter ... (*Interruptions*)... It is a very important matter.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: When we discussed Jawahar Rozgar Yojana. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: It is not Jawahar Rozgar Yojana. It is a fall out . . . (*Interruptions*) . . . Madam, I myself took up this matter with Mr. Poojari several times. He has also assured that these people will not be retrenched. But, in spite of that, several people have been retrenched in Manipuri and he could not intervene Ultimately, these people now have to resort to dharna with nine demands. After several meetings with Mr. Poojari they could not get justice and the Government does not spell out the policy, what is going to happen to them. When you have merged all these schemes and when this scheme is going to be abandoned what you are going to do with them. Give a positive assurance that that the scheme will continue and they will continue. At least we need such an assurance in this House from Shri Poojari.

डा. बापू कालदाते : : क्यों नहीं देते हैं ? कुदाल का तुरंत बयान देते हो, राम जन्मभूमि का तुरंत देते हो तो ये जो बेरोजगार हो रहे हैं, उनका क्यों नहीं दे रहे हो ? .. (**व्यवधान**).. एक लाख लोग बेरोजगार हो रहे हैं.. (**व्यवधान**)

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): The Government must do something so that they are not retrenched.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Let him react and say something.

1.00 P.M.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just a minute. Yesterday, there was an objection from this side. Just a minute... You agreed on 'Bodo Agitation' for the Minister to react. But on some matters when the Minister reacted, some Members objected; on the 'Sati' matter they said that the Minister should not intervene. Now, from yesterday, I said, the Minister will not react to the special mentions. If you want... Listen ... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Madam, there is no comparison.

उपसभापति : मालवीय जी, कल की बात है, आप शायद उस वक्त हाऊस में नहीं रहे होंगे।

श्री यशवंत सिन्हा (बिहार) : यह परम्परा रही है .. (व्यवधान)

उपसभापति : यह परम्परा नहीं रही है । आप बैठिए । सुनिए, आप यहां कभी-कभी बैठते हैं, मैं सारा दिन बैठती हूं इसलिए मुझे सारी बातें याद रहती हैं । ऐसी कोई परम्परा नहीं है कि आप स्पेशल मेंशन करें और मंत्री जी जवाब दें । मगर, आप समझ रहे हैं कि कोई बहुत महत्व का सवाल है तो मैं रूल्स के खिलाफ भी बोल सकती हूं कि वह जवाब दें । आप जरा संक्षेप में बोलिए ।

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): Madam Deputy Chairman, a very important issue has been raised by the hon. Member, a veteran leader of Parliament. Madam, this is a State subject. The employees who are working in DRDAs are under the administrative control and supervision of the State Government ... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Either you ask him to speak or you do not come in. If you come in, I will ask him to sit down. You wanted him to speak and he is speaking. (*Interruptions*) ... You cannot ask him to speak with you want to know. He will speak what he wants to speak.

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI: This matter has been engaging the attention of the Government of India. We have written to the State Governments. I have officially written to the Chief Minister also to take into consideration all the issues pertaining to the DRDAs sympathetically and further I have stated that these employees should not be thrown out of employment and should be absorbed in other State Government departments. I have stated that also So far as retrenchment is concerned, we have written to them not to retrench them. Madam, all our friends have been advocating this issue. They have also got the State Governments particularly West Bengal, Haryana.....

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: This is politics.

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI: No, no. I am very serious about it. Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, they can look into the service conditions of these people.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: What about Congress Governments?

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI : I will come to that. You have been advocating that it is a federal structure. The Central Government should not interfere.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: What federal structure you are speaking now!

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI. What the Central Government can do? Can we direct or can we ask them to do this particular thing in this manner? We can just request them. That has been done and I met them also. I have clearly told them, please take up this issue and your leaders, who have been advocating outside Parliament, ask them to approach their concerned State Governments also. From our side, we have been doing it. But first you do it, I mean, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Kerala and Haryana and then you also... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: You imposed Jawahar Rozgar Yojana on the people. Did you consult the State Governments for introducing the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana? Whom did you consult? (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, the Minister is answering and I allowed him to answer. Don't get agitated.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: He is charging the State Governments. He is not answering.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Why did you ask him to answer? (*Interruptions*).

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: You see, Jawahar Rozgar Yojana was thrust on the State Governments. Did he consult the State Governments?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Upendra, don't misbehave with the Chair. You asked me and I went out of my way to help you out. I requested him to speak. Okay, don't answer, Finished. It is over.

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI: Madam, one point, with your permission. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I feel angry because Mr. Upendra forgets that he is speaking to the Chair, not to somebody on the road. The way he speaks ... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: The Chair does not come into the picture at all. I was countering the Minister.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You asked me to allow him. (*Interruption*). Otherwise I was not willing to allow him. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: He charges the State Governments. He is going beyond the brief. He should have explained the position... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He is not obliged to explain the situation now. I tell you. It was out of my way that I allowed him to speak and I am never going to help you out. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Why should he refer to particular State Governments? He should make a general statement partaining to the whole country. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Sinha. I am not calling you to speak on this matter. Make your submissions on your special mention. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV (Maharashtra): They are very much annoyed by listening to facts from the hon. Minister. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: He should speak about the all-India policy. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please sit down. I have already asked Mr. Sinha to make his special mention.

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): The Minister has not taken the name of any single Congress State Government. He has only mentioned four non-Congress Government. Why?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You don't allow people to speak. (*Interruption*). Mr. Reddy, he was speaking. You interrupted. He would have spoken about everything. I would have allowed him. But why did you interrupt? When the Minister gets up to reply, you don't allow him to speak. Now I am not going to allow.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN (West Bengal): He provoked reaction. He himself gave provocation. (*Interruptions*)

वित्त मंत्रालय में व्यय विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बी० के० गढवी): महोदया, मैं इसमें एक स्पष्टीकरण मांग सकता हूं ? पार्लियामेंट के बाहर लोग कहते हैं कि हम पोलिटीशियंस चाहे इधर के हों उधर के हों मोटी चमड़ी के होते हैं। लेकिन यहीं पर तो पतली चमड़ी के नजर आते हैं। इसका क्या कारण है, मालूम नहीं पड़ता।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Sinha.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Madam, you allow Mr. Poojari to complete.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No. I won't. If the Members promise that they will not get agitated, then only I will allow.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: He should not charge the State Governments.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You cannot put words into anybody's mouth as he is not putting words into your mouth. And you start getting irritated and start misbehaving with the Chair. I will not allow. (*Interruptions*). No. I will not allow. If you are not going to maintain... (*Interruption*). Mr. Upendra. . . (*Interruption*).

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: He is going beyond the brief. He should speak about the all-India policy. He should not charge four or five State Governments. He has no business.

SHRI B. K. GADHVI: He has not charged anybody. Don't say that.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA (Uttar Pradesh): The Minister is speaking as if he is addressing a public meeting.

Transfer of a large number of officials in Bihar

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bihar): Madam Deputy Chairman... (*Interruption*)... we are living in an age where the traditions, norms and values of democracy are crumbling and in fact the entire edifice of democracy seems to be crumling in front of our eyes and we appear to be helpless and mute witnesses to this entire process. But when the written directives of a Constitutionally competent authority is violated by another agency of the Government or by the Government itself, then it becomes a matter of very serious concern and through this special mention, Madam. I am drawing your attention and the attention of this House to one such matter.

The Election Commission, Madam Deputy Chairman, issued a directive on the 26th of July to the Chief Secretaries of all the State Governments saying that since the elections were a few away only they should not transfer the key officials who would be responsible for the conduct of elections or who would, in any manner, be connected with the conduct of elections. This was the directive issued by the Election Commission which, as the Commission itself says in its letter, was meant to create confidence and trust amongst the people. Now, I am sorry to bring notice, Madam, that no sooner was this circular received by this Bihar Government, posthaste the Bihar Government proceeded to transfer officials with an eye on elections. And according ot reports which are available with me, Madam, 44 officers of the rank of Additional District Magistrate and 31 IAS and 14 IPS officers have been transferred by the Bihar Government. And this is not the end of the process. The indications are that many more people, many more officers, will be transferred with an eye on the elections. I am raising this particularly because in Bihar, this unfortunate State where democracy exists only in name and boothcapturing by 22 or 35 different methods is something which has been perfected, I would like to point out that in my unfortunate State the leading role in boothcapturing, in rigging elections, is played by the official machinery, and however harsh the truth might appear to be, this is an unfortunate fact in that State. If the State Government of Bihar has today taken that step of transferring a whole lot of officers and it is going to do it in future in instalments...

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA (Rajasthan): It means election are coming.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:... it is not only an indication that elections are nearer, as my friend, Kamal Morarka, is saying, it is also an indication of the deter-